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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for

SUBJECT.

Office notes, re, Sale of Kumaon Shops

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFF

REVENUE BRANCH.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT. Sale of Kuranga Stones

LAST REFERENCE.

+ Sno 19 Pt-I

Letter No. 22 dated 4th July 1893

from Deputy Commissioner, Mysore Dtt.

In reviewing the statements shewing the receipts from Kuranga Stones for the years from 1881-82 to 1890-91, Government observed remarkable variations in the receipts, and called upon the Deputy Commr to report how the rents were determined, whether the renters were at liberty,

Vide G. Progs No. 4021-33 dated 7-8-93
R.T. 175-93
S. No: 2. Part-I.

to,

any quantity of
terial or only a
ited quantity for the
rents they paid and
whether any improvement
was possible in the present
system of leasing out the
right of removing the Stone.
They were also asked to State
the probable total quantity
of the Stone available in
each Taluk.

2. The following is an
abstract of the reports received.

3 The Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District
Bangalore reports that Deputy Commr's No. 5118 of 1/2/92.
item was sold annually
by public auction after due
publicity, the highest bid
being accepted, (2) that the
stones are found not
generally throughout the
district but in certain
localities, especially
in

in the hilly tracts in small quantities; (3) that the lessee generally removes as much as he can collect at a time from different spots and the most that can be collected is not more than 5 or 6 bandy loads a year during the rainy season and that the present system of leasing out the stone needs no change, except that the Amildars should take an interest in the matter when the rents might ~~may~~ increase.

Kolar District.

Rev. ESD-20-33-Misc-92
Box no. 6 Part I

4. The Deputy Commissioner of Kolar reports that no improvement upon the present system of selling the stone annually by pub

public auction appears feasible until the Govern-ment are in a position to gauge the capabilities of the District in respect of the article; and suggests the intro-duction of a license system or the collection and Sale of the Stone by "Amani" as an experimental measure for one or two years by which measure the above object will be attained, and states that the license fee to be levied from the licensee will have to be fixed after due enquiry with reference to the market value of the Stone &c.

Tanga District.
No: 618 & 22/1/93.
S. No: 12. Part-I.

5. The Deputy Commissioner of Tanga attributes the variations observed in the bore Proceedings to the fluctuating

fluctuating character
of the demand in the
Madras and Bombay markets,
and reports that the renters
pays wages to the labourers
employed in collecting the
stone at one anna per
seer of 80 tolas or 14 annas
a maund of 2560 tolas; that
the market rate prevailing
in Madras is Rs. 1-8-0 per
maund, the contractor's
gross profit being estimated
at 10 annas a maund; that
it is not possible to estimate
the probable quantity
of stone removed from the
District, as no recorded
Statistics are available;
but that some idea may
be formed of the probable
quantity of the article
exported annually from
the revenue derived, and

calculates

calculates 4500 maunds
to be the probable —
quantity exported on an
average during each year.
— The Deputy Commissioner
Bhadrachalam further reports that
in the adjoining Talukas of
His Majesty's Territory
a Seigniorage of Rs 3 per
Cartload is being levied;
and if this be the case,
the rate per maund
would only be 1 anna
and 1 pie, the cubical
contents of a Cart being
40 maunds; but that the
present annual average
income in this District,
viz Rs 1662½ represents a
duty of 3⅔ annas a
maund, assuming
4500 maunds as the
quantity removed.

With

6. With regard to the change in the present System of Selling this article, Mr. Venkatachandiengar advocates the continuance of the present System of competitive Sales till the Government are able to know accurately the exact quantity exported, and suggests that the information may be easily obtained if the Contractors be required hereafter to obtain a free permit on each occasion of export, the permit containing the name of the village or villages in which the Stone was collected, the place to which it is intended to be exported, the quantity in maunds and the time granted for the return of the permit.

The

Mysore District
No: 32 G.C. July 93.
S. No: 9 Part I.

The Deputy commissioner of Mysore in giving an exhaustive report on the use and manufacture of the article, states that the present system of annual leasing greatly retards the development of this industry, and that so long as it prevails no capitalist will come forward to work for the mineral in the proper way. He has ascertained that a ton of the mineral fetches at Madras about 80 Rupees and the cost of collection and carriage to Madras amounts to Rs 50, leaving a net profit of Rs 30 to the Contractor, by which the

rent

rent now paid to Govt: may be taken at about 10 Rs a ton, or 5 Rs, per cart-load, and recommends that instead of the present annual sale the right to collect this mineral in a Taluk or other Specified area may be sold by public auction for a number of years, Say 10. 15 or 20 years, the purchaser being required to pay in addition, a royalty of Rs 10 a ton, or 10 to 15 per cent of the price of the mineral at Madras, or Some other large centre of trade.

Mavumadakal
No: 506 S/1 26 Nov 92
SNO: 3. Part I.

8. The Deputy Commissioner of Hassan, in saying that the article is sold by

by annual sale to the
highest bidder without
any limit to the quantity
of the article to be removed,
attributes the variations of
the ~~variations~~ revenue
observed by Government
to the unskilled people
that came forward to bid
for the mineral having
no knowledge of the same;
and to the right having
had to be knocked down
to the highest bidder
however small the a-
-mount might be; and
submits that it is only since
the opening of the Railway
that there has been an
increase in the bordering
Talukas of Arsikere and
~~Channarayapatna~~ Channarayapatna
owing

owing to the enterprising people coming forward from other Districts.

9. With regard to the improvement of the present system of leasing out the right, he advocates the introduction of the System of collecting "Malat" on every maund of Stone removed, and believes that this will not only improve the revenue but will also show the quantity removed every year.

10 The Deputy Commr. of Shimoga reports that there ~~are~~ are no Stones in his District and suggests that wherever they exist an annual estimate

Shimoga District
No. 399-134730 "May 93
S. No. 17 Part-I.

estimate of its production may be made with full enquiries before hand and the right to collect the same being sold by public competition, or by inviting tenders ~~inform-ing the Competitors of the~~ Specifying the probable quantity that may be collected within the Specified area and time.

" The Deputy Commissioner of Kadur Submits that the article is Sold by public sale annually; that it is only recently that a native Coffee planter has Speculated and purchased the right of collecting it in all

Kadur District

No: 272 & 5 Dec 92
S. No: 9. Part I.

all the Talukas of the Dis-
-trict and that it remains
to be seen whether the
new Speculator will dis-
-cover what Stones.

12 Mr (Mr Yeates) Hegginer that the
right of removing the
Stone may be sold annually
Specifying some small
convenient blocks and
binding the renters to
remove stones only within
those limits, irrespective of
the quantity. He gives
20 cwts. as the probable
quantity of Stone available
in the District.

Chittaldurg District.

No: 32-276 & 3 Dec 92
S. 240:7 Part I

13 The Deputy Commissioner
of Chittaldurg reports that
no stones are found in
his District

14. In this connection it may be submitted that in his letter dated 22nd October 1892, Mr. Holland, Assistant Superintendent of Geological Survey of India, while thanking the Dewan for the help given him during his private trip to Travancore on Scientific purposes said that he obtained facts and collected Specimens which, he hoped, would yield results on examination in the laboratory which would bear directly on the mineral resources of the District, and concerning which he was most favourably impressed, although it

S. no: Part II.

it was difficult for him to form a reliable conclusion until the locality was mapped in detail. He also expressed his desire to answer any questions with reference to the Corundum deposits.

15 In reply, he was informed that there were no particular questions which the Government wished to be answered and that the Dewan would gladly see his report and observations on the Corundum deposits after their publication.

No: 5319 of 24th Sept 92
S No: 2 Part II

16. Meanwhile Mr: A. Ricketts submitted his observations on the existence of Corundum deposits in

No: 3931-17 3/3 Aug 93
S No: 3 Part II

in Mysore and particularly in the Hunsur Taluk, and suggested that the Govt. of India might be moved through the proper channel, to spare the services of an officer of the Geological Survey of India to make the necessary explorations for this and other minerals in the Hunsur Taluk which promised to be of a very interesting and valuable character.

17. Mr. Ricketts attention was drawn to Govt. Proc. No: 4021-8 R.T. 175-92 dated 9th September 1892 on the subject of improving the present System of leasing out the right to collect Kuranga Stones, and he was told that any remarks or suggestions which

(8) S no: 4. Part II.

(8) Pno. 2 in Sec. I.

which he might submit would be gladly considered by Government with the Deputy Commissioners' reports on the subject. The Inspector General's attention was also drawn to this office No: 5829 dated 24th October 1892 addressed to Mr: J. Holland and he was asked to state whether he was aware of any publication of Mr: Holland's report and if so, where it was procurable.

6 S No 2 Part II

10 Mr: A Ricketts stated that Mr: Holland's visit to Mr Connemara being of a private or holiday nature it was not likely that the result of his explorations would be published and requested that the replies received from Deputy Commissioners might be forwarded to him for perusal.

Mr's No: 4534 dt June 93
S. No: 5. Part II

These

19. These reports having been forwarded to him, the Inspector General states that Maddagiri, Savagadda Goribidnur, Doddaballapur and Hunsur are the localities richest in Corundum and perhaps worth conserving and working by a Trade Agency; and believes that the right of collecting Kunanga Stone in the Hunsur Taluk has been rented out for a term of 3 years to Mr. Petrie Hay who is supported by Messrs Arbuthnot and Co of Madras, and that the locality where the mineral abounds, being situated some 15 miles from the town of Hunsur has been explored by Mr. Holland Assistant Superintendent of Geological Survey

No. 86-3 & "July 1
S. No.), Part II.

Survey and Dir. Worth
officiating Superintendent
of the Central Museum
Madras, both of whom
speak highly of the product
although they have made
no official report of their
investigations.

As regards the develop-
ment of the precut system
which is unsatisfactory
and which gives no data
whatever as to quality
quantity or even iden-
tification of the mineral
produced, Mr. Ricketts
thinks that it is preferable
at least for a time, for
Government to establish
its own depôts in the prin-
cipal Corundum localities
named

named above, where the stones would be collected for periodical sale; as in the case of Sandal wood; be which ~~could be ascertained~~ the true value of Corundum might be ascertained as a marketable product, while the Revenue authorities would gain experience in selecting good from inferior samples for the trade, and thus place the industry on a much sounder footing than at present.

Submitted for orders.

18/12 8/12/94 9/2/94

21/

1 The Consent Rules
2 The Rule system may be
dispensed, for license sys-
-tem as given may be sub-
-stituted. This is
practically to obtain Rules-
-ties of Revenue the like.

22/ order
It has been proved to be
of Geological interest for it forms of
Sevenaries & Reservations. Gen
with in Rim in the Coalfields & stones
is to be free under Quarries & Metal
collection in Departmental agency
wise be sufficient remuneration
9/2/94 — 11/9/94

Draft Rules
#8 8/1/95

23. Draft prepared as per orders of the Revenue Councillor was submitted to the 2d Councillor, who passed the following orders:—

"Please ascertain and Submit what has been done for 1894-95. If not Sold already steps may be taken at once as there is not much time to lose. The suggestion of the Tuni- -tuni Deputy Commr to insist upon a fresh license being taken before the collected material is removed may be adopted. After Six months' ex- -perience is gained the quantity exported and locally consumed may be reported with any further suggestions regarding its working.

In

In the meanwhile the S. Geologist may be asked to submit further information and consideration of Govt views regarding this mineral & its working".—

24. Orders were accordingly issued in Govt Proc. No 1495 & 2-60 8.14.8.1895 @ P.7.021 in Sec. I
P.7.175.92

(vide note continued on the next sheet)

that instead of annual
sales, the right to collect in
... range in a Parish in the
Sheffield and Rotherham Dis-
tricts of Yorkshire during the 5
years by Public auction
the Purchaser becoming
to pay in addition, a re-
quisite of [illegible] per ton on
all he shall sell & the price
the miners at Masbro or
Conisthorpe large centre of trade

Myers v. Peirce
No 208 § 103 2d Septemberly 85
P. no 4 Sec II

28. He by Commissioners
that the Parliament may
be tried

Inchester & Co v. Torrents
&c
No 705 A § 17 th Septemberly 85
P. no 5 Sec II

29 // Mr Ricketts
states that the Ground
shows, at least for a
time established its own
deposits in the principal
conundrum localities where
the

the Crown should be entitled
for Surrendering Lease as
in the case of Landowner
Without such an arrangement
it is not possible for Govt
to ascertain the true value
of Corundum as a marketable product. After true
ascertaining its value, a
reasonable rate of royalty
may be fixed for each
ton and then the licence
System, as proposed by
the Chief Inspector, ~~be~~
introduced. After the
rate of royalty has been
thus fixed, any person
intending to collect the
mineral may apply to
the

the Agent shall issue a licence describing the name of the villages and the survey No. thereof in which he intends to collect it. The licence shall be shown to the Patels of the villages and then the licensee shall commence the work. A shall be collected shall be removed by the licensee to the Salt Factory and weighed there. On the actual quantity thus ascertained the prescribed rate of royalty should be collected and the fact noted by the Amildar on the licence. When the mineral

33 //

Bridgeton

Mercer County Circuit Court

Complaint &c

Bo 40 f 13th January 1896.

P. no 11 Sec. II

Complainant is not found in all the counties within the State of New Jersey and that he departure from the said County of Cumberland and that no departure from the said County of Cumberland is called for on account of the smallness of the docket and the advanced season in 1896. //

34 //

After several reminders from this office

Mercer County Circuit Court

Decree &c.

Bo 40 f 9th September 1896.

P. no 12 in Sec. II

that the residence of the Runaway Slave is carried on in the counties named owing to the connection with the Railway, the Sheriff of the said Counties do not know the residence of the said Runaway Slave in the counties above

it

when it is ascertained, ~~if~~
that it
is doubtful, under these
circumstances whether the
discretion the right of
collecting Kuranga under
a license should
not be withheld
until
such license fee shall have
been paid in addition to the
royalty payable on the
wood distributed in accord-
ance with the
regulations coming here-
under in Zalala where
the supply is small.
I am Sir: Your obedient
servant
Selling Kuranga be con-
tinued experimentally
until

until results are imposed

but that the right of

collecting may be let out

"Kathiawar" Division of

"Kathiawar" subject to the

issue of licence before

removal. ~~Accompanies~~

Re-importation costs that if in the

~~course of~~ course of a few years,

fresh quarries are found

out and the "bad" is

shown to yield a good

income, the licence fee -

to the State Geologist

-tem be increased, such

~~as~~ be introduced into

the scheme.

36. Re-importation

also solicits instructions as

to whether the sale of the Kimanja

for 1896-97 may be continued

exported and locally
consumed and other kinds
referred to in para 3 of
Progs: No. 4952-60 of 14th
R.D. 175-92
March 1895.

S. No. 21 in Sect. I.

38. With reference to the
the Deputy Commissioners
of Bangalore, Shemoga,
Kadur & Mysore Districts
have submitted their
replies which purport to the following
effect.

A reminder to the other
4 Districts was sent on
No. 2 July 97, and a 2nd reminder
is also in order.

Bangalore District 3rd. The Deputy
Commissioner in reporting
that Kuranga Stone is
not found in all the
Talukas of the District,
states that the quantities
collected in and exported
from

Vide letter No. 1994 dt. 8/9/97
P. No. 20 in See: VI

from the Nelamangala and Dodballapur Talukas under "Mafi" licenses during the years 1895-96 and 1896-97 were 538 and 90 maunds, respectively and that there was no local consumption of the Article during the years referred to.

Shimoga District 40/ The officiating Deputy Commr. states that he has no special suggestions to offer on the method of working our resources in this respect so as to secure the greatest benefit as the existence of this mineral in any

way

Vide letter No: 117-38 & 21-7-97
P. No. 19. in Sec VI.

Taluks	Amount	Date of Sale
1. Nilgiris	Rs 175	
2. Gudalore	Rs 0.	
3. Huneur	Rs 30.	28th June 1897 at Nilgiris.
4. Heggadedevana Kote	Rs 150	
5. Nanjangud	Rs 17	
6. T. Narsipur	— 15	
7. Gundlupet	— "	
8. Chamarajnagar	"	
	Total Rs 467.	
9. Seringapatam	Rs 13	On 29th January at Mysore Rocks
10. Krishnarajpett	Rs 55	
11. Nagamangala	Rs 5	
12. Mandya	— Rs 65	
13. Malavalli	— Rs 60	
	Total 195	
Grand total	662 Rs	

* N.B. The investigations for the District proper during 96-97 was Rs 1200.
1200 − 467 = 733 Rs.
Vide Rule 16 in section III.

specified on the margin with the results therein noted, reports that the amount realized for the 5 Taluks of the District proper is less by Rs *733 as compared with the previous year, while in the Sub-division ~~three Taluks~~ Kolar Taluks it is better by Rs 21-4-. As the trade of the mineral is ~~seed~~ probably not as lucrative as it once was and the demand for the article is consequently very moderate, the Deputy Commissioner recommends that the above offers may be accepted

accepted, pending the introduction of an improved system of renting out the collection of the cloth as contemplated in Govt. Order No. 6722-30 dated the 25th January 97 regarding which details have yet to be collected.

Secretary

Submitted for orders.

A Memorandum has been issued to the Other Members.

26/8/97

The Mysore Members letter requires a reply

26/8/97

43/ Letter required to be issued within 2 days.

The business seems unattractive and does not seem likely to develop in the near future. The present system may therefore be continued until further orders. The other matters mentioned in the Mysore Members letter may be accepted.

27-8-97

Submitted with draft

7/9/97

R.D. 1.9.97

27/8

4/ Yes - I think why does not the Mysore Govt. open another branch here

Sd/ [illegible]

Secretary

Submitted with draft

4.9.97

Yes

Sd/ [illegible]

4.9.97

Yes

Sd/ [illegible]

4.9.97

Anne
7/9/97

Submitted

The realisations in the Mysore District proper were as follows:

1895-96 — Rs 1710/- Vide S.No 16 in Sec 3.

1896-97 — Rs 1200/-)

and these have been formally sanctioned by Govt. - Vide S.Nos 15 & 17 in Sec 3.

45. Orders as above recorded were communicated in Govt Pro: No. 2900-7 ⊗ dt. X-7-175-97 dt 16th September 1897

⊗ P.no. 21 in Sec. VI.

46. In the meantime, the Dy Commr, Kolar District replied as follows to the Govt Proc dt 25th January 1897 -

No 8 dt 13-9-97
P.no. 22.

During 1895-96 there was no sale of Kunnuga stones in the District, so no bids were received. The right for 1896-97 was sold only in the Gowribidnore Taluk for Rs. 201/-. It appeared that the purchaser had collected 48 cart loads of stone in the village of Faridalalu and 41 in that of Minchenahalli and that he exported 44 cart-loads to Madras and had obtained passes for the remaining 45 cart-loads. A cart-load of stones weighing 60 Mds was sold at Madras from Rs. 40 to 60. The railway fare per cart-load from Tondebhavi station to Madras appeared to be Rs. 14/- while the cartage from the place

of collection to the Mahadevoy Railway Station (12 miles) was Rs. 2/- or £0 3 per hundred. This report was recorded and the Dy Commr's attention was invited to the Govt Proceedings 16th Sept 1897. × P. no. 26 see VI.

47. With reference to Govt Proc⊗ of 25th January 97, the Dy Commr, Hassan Dt, furnished the following Statistics regarding the Sales for 1895-96 and 1896-97 — ⊗ P. no 15 see VI. × Page 26 in Sec VI.

Taluk	Sale amount —		Quantity collected —		Quantity exported —	
	1895-96.	1896-97.				
			1895-96	96-97	1895-96	1895-97
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Cubic ft	Cubic ft	Cubic ft	Cubic ft
Hassan.	0—8—0	1—0—0	~~nil~~	"	~~nil~~	"
Belur.	" " "	20—8—0			nil.	
Arsikere.	110—0—0	70—0—0	5—80	40—10	5—80	40—10
Channarayapatna	12—8—0	12—8—0	nil	nil	to Madras nil	to Madras nil
Arkalgud.	" " "	14—8—0	"	"	"	

The Dy Commr also stated that that the quantity of mineral collected was very small, & that too was almost confined to the Arsikere Taluk, that the Contractors who purchased the right in other Taluks either did not think it that it was worth their while to collect

markets, but was exported to Bangalore and Madras. The Dy. Commr. Solicited instructions as to whether the right for the year 1898-99 might be sold as usual - He was replied in the affirmative & requested to report the result for the year of Sale

P. No 37 -

Submitted for orders
With reference to Dewan's order on Dewan's note dt 10.4.99.
M8/11/99.

51. Where are the Mining Rules referred to in the Dewan's Note of 20-4-99.
Copy the Dewan's note here & furnish a copy of the Mining Rules at once
M 20/4/99

52 Coorumbum Stone.
"The present System under which Coorumbum is worked is one of annual lease of

particular Taluks granted to the highest bidders in auctions held for the purpose. The article is first exported to Calcutta and Japan and a good deal of it finds its way thence to England. The demand is growing, and it would be an advantage to get into this business Some one who would establish a System of direct export of the article to Europe.

53. Mr. Forrester (Late of Goricolmun Sugar Works) asks for a five year Contract of the Taluks of Dalla-pur, Goricolmun and Madaigiri and proposes to try the System of exporting to Europe. He is willing to pay a fixed rate for every Candi he procures. A Candi of 840 lbs sells at Rs. 22 to 30 according to the quality of the Stone. Quarried stone

is less valuable than a lease
fixed on the surface.

54. For minerals (other than
precious metals) our rate
of royalty varies from
to per cent.

55. A rate of 1/4 d per hour
of 840 lbs would probably
be a reasonable rate to
demand.

56. I would like the above Sub-
ject to be investigated. The
Contract asked for if pro-
perly worked by the
applicant is likely to
develop our Corundum
Revenue; and if no local
or other objections exist to
the grant of the Contract,
the Lease may be given
on a rate which I think
should not be less than
1/4 d per hour. Adopting
this rate, we ought to
secure more — certainly
not less — than the average

realizations of the 3 Taluks.

(Initialled) K.S.
10.4.99

57. The Dy Commrs concerned were consulted in the matter. (vide Cypher No 7395-97 (X) & A.7.175.92 dt 29th April 1899) —

(X) The draft orders were submitted to the Hon'ble Secy for submission to the Hon'ble Minister as per Secretary's order on file & 23.4.99.

58. The Dy Commr, Bangalore District reports* that the sale of the right by public auction is more advantageous than to lease on payment of royalty, &c, in the latter case, it is difficult to arrive at a correct estimate of the actual quantity of Stones collected by the contractor. He further states that as the Stones are not found in any one place, the Contractor has to go over the whole Taluk in search of them & the accounts furnished by

* No 1142 & 2575-97.

him alone have to be accepted without any means of checking them. The amount realized by the sale of the right during the years 1896-97, 97-98 and 98-99 is Rs. 280, 217, and 621, respectively. The Ag. Commr. states that no accounts have been kept to show the particulars of the quantity removed and exported. The Sale notification for the ensuing year 1899-1900 appears to have been sent both Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication. With reference to the Gudalur Taluk, Mr. Forrester states as follows:-

θ Letter dated 17-4-99

"For the year 1896-97 and 1897-98 the prices paid were about normal. The year 1898-99 fetched a very high figure owing to a keen and antagonistic competition between two buyers - but the price is out of all proportion to

the present value of the Taluk. Since the Sale practically nothing has been done - for only 300 Rs have been expended up to date."

59. The Dy Comm^r, Kolar &c

* States that the grant of the contract to Mr Forrester would be more advantageous to Govt than the present System of Selling it by auction, as it will allow of the industry being regularly worked and opened out, that 5 years is not too long a period as it will take quite that time to develope and at the end of that time Govt will be able to come to a definite resolution, & that there are no local or other objections to the grant of the Contract. The realizations from the Sale of the right during the past 4 years are —

1895–96 - nil
1896–97 - 251 Rs
1897–98 - 995 Rs
1898–99 - 721 Rs -

* No $\frac{4521}{1007}$ 8, 5/5/99

following particulars of the amount realized, quantity of Stone exported, &c in the Several Taluks of the district during the 6 years ending 1898-99 -

Taluk.	1893-94		1894-95		1895-96	
	Amount realized	Quantity exported	Amount realized	Quantity exported	Amount realized	Quantity exported
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	lbs.
Tumkur	not Sold	No accounts kept of exports during the year -	20	No accounts kept of exports during the year -	24	60
Maddagiri	405		126		231	4992
Chickmaikanhalli	not Sold		...		not Sold	...
Sira	109		67		20	378
Gubbi	5		...		5	none
Tiptur	no traders		20		10	none
Pavagada	not Sold		...		100	9,600
Kunigal	28		...		28	none

	1896-97		1897-98		1898-99.	
	Rs.	lbs.	Rs	lbs	Rs.	lbs.
Tumkur	20	none	11	none	no traders	
Maddagiri	130	5,052	...		not Sold	
Chickmaikanhalli	...		...		no traders	
Sira	50		20	none	not Sold	
Gubbi	...		...		no traders	
Tiptur	5		5	none	4	
Pavagada	100	7,200	100	17,280	30	
Kunigal	...		28	8,400	no traders	

The Dy Comm^r reports that owing to the prevalence of plague in Bangalore and the consequent absence of dealers in the Article, there was no bid in Some Taluks at the Sale held for 1898-99

while in others the bid received was low, that the bids received for the Pavagada and Tiptur Taluks were alone accepted, that Mr. Forrester having applied on the 5th May 1899 for permission to collect the Stone in the Maddagiri Taluk for the remaining days of the current official year and offered Rs. 60 for the privilege, his offer was accepted subject to certain conditions, & necessary orders issued to the Amildar. The Deputy Commr. further states that the Taluks of Maddagiri, Pavagada, Sira and portions of Tumkur are rich in Kurunja, that under the present System, the collection of the Stone is confined to the Surface, but under regular mining operations as carried on, there is no likelihood of the resources of the District in respect of the mineral being developed & placed on a sound footing, that the local traders in

(1) vide Notification dated 5.9.1898 published at page 1088 of Part II of the Gazette dated 29-9-1898

in the article are the least likely to undertake such mining operations, that under such circumstances Mr. Forrester's proposal to take the lease of all the Taluks for a period of 5 years may be accepted subject to the payment of a royalty of Rs. 1-4-0 per Kandi of 840 lbs removed by him, and that there can be no local objection to this arrangement, so long as the rights of individuals over their property are not interfered with.

As regards the District

θ Letter 317 of 99.

Mr. Forrester states as follows:-
"Taking the Tumkur district for the last 5 years it will be seen that there has been a steady decrease in the revenue from Corundum and the industry appears to be collapsing entirely. The auction amounts for some of the Taluks are pre-dictionately low and even

when these are sanctioned, there seems to have been a lack of enterprise for very little export took place".

"By spending considerable time on the spot and seeing things for myself, I am now convinced that with proper application and systematic working, the output can be quadrupled or more, especially in the Tumkur District, ~~where~~ x x where the total revenue has now fallen as low as Rs. 164/- per annum. By my prospection it is absolutely certain that the Govt will realize more, & how much more it is difficult to say. The District is capable of improvement & I intend to do that if I am granted the power, in which case I shall make my head-quarters in the District, & my object

~~Draft Rec 1 (Subject to ...)~~

Draft for ratfn as per orders

Read again:—

Proc.s of Govt. No 7895-7
R 7175-92
Dated 29th April 1899 on
the Subject of the applica-
-tion of Mr Forrester for
a five year Contract of
the right of collecting Co-
-mundum or Kurunga Stone
in the Talukes of Dodde-
-ballapur, Goribidnur
and Maddagiri.

Read:—

(1) Letter dated 17th April 1899
from the Forrester expressing
his desire to take up the
lease of Commdum in the
whole of the Territory with
in addition to the Talukes of
Doddaballapur & Goribidnur

(2) Letter No 669 & 4th May 99
from the Dy Commr,
Tumkur District.

(3) Letter No 40-21/1009 & 18-5-99
from the Deputy Commr
Kolar District.

(4) Letter No 1142 & 25-5-99,
from

Received in Record
16/6/99

64.

I Approve of the
order generally
subject to following amendments.
1st I think the Contractor
should guarantee to
Govt a minimum rent
of Rs. 5 for each year for
Each Taluk included
in his Contract. This minimum
should be the average rent
for the three years in the Taluks,
realized during the last
3 years, and should be
specified in a Schedule to be
appended to the Deed —
This is necessary because

from the Dy Commr, Banga-
lore District —

Order thereon :—

Mr Forrester having
applied for a five years'
lease of the right and
proposed to try the System
of direct export of the
article to Europe, and
agreed to pay a fixed rate
of royalty for every ~~Candy~~ Khandy
of Stone removed by him,
it was observed in Govt
Progs above read that if
there was no local or other
objection, the lease might
be granted subject to
the payment of a royalty
of 1¼ Re for every ~~Candy~~ Khandy of
840 lbs; and the Deputy
Commrs were requested
to investigate the matter
and report whether the
lease could be granted
in preference to the present
System of selling the right annually

by public auction.

2. The Dy Comm^r, Bangalore District, states that the Sale of the right by public auction is more advantageous than its lease on payment of a royalty, as, in the latter case, it is difficult to arrive at a correct estimate of the actual quantity of Stones collected by the Contractor, and that as the Stone is not found in any one place, the Contractor has to go over the whole Taluk in Search of it and the accounts furnished by him have to be accepted without any means of checking them. The Dy Comm^r, Kolar Distt, is in favour of the grant of a five years' lease to Mr Forrester as it will allow of the industry being regularly worked & opened out, & states that there are no local or other objections to the grant of such a lease.

The Dy Commr, Tinnevelly Distt,
States that the Taluks of Pallacaa-
cini, Karungadu, Sivaganga and
portions of Tiruppuvanam are situated
in Karangas, that under the
present system the collection
of the Stone is confined to the
surface, that unless regular
mining operations are carried
on, there is no likelihood of the
resources of the District in respect
of this mineral being developed
and placed on a sound footing,
that the local traders in the
article are the best likely
to undertake such mining
operations, and that therefore
Mr Forrester's proposal may
be accepted, as there can be
no local objection so long
as the rights of individuals
over their freeholds are not
interfered with.

3. Having given the subject
their best consideration,
Govt agree with the Dy
Commrs of Madura & Tinnevelly
and direct that Mr Forrester
be granted the five years'
lease of the right of collecting

Corundum in the Talukas of

Do Bellary, Gorie-
-bidnur and the whole of
the Tumkur District,
~~Provided~~ subject to the
payment of a royalty of
Re. 1/4 for every candy of Stone
removed by him. Provision
should be made in the agree-
-ment to be entered into
with the lessee for correct
accounts being rendered to
the Amildar & for entry
not leaving a place until
a license has been obtained.
~~Government directed~~ Govt
would then be in a position to
know the locality in
which Corundum has
been collected, the quanti-
-ty collected and the nature
of the material. All persons
The Superintendent should be informed that no
& No Mining Leases & Prospecting
Licenses are to be granted &
Collect the Mail Stamp fees
& Report at the end of each
year.

Secretary

To
The Dy Commrs of
Bangalore, Kolar &
Tumkur Districts

Copy to all Forresters-

Heads of para 64.

as now the same

The Contract covers a much
larger area than was originally
Contemplated - The Guarantee
of minimum Revenue is a sound
principle to adopt, for it will
Compell the Contractor to
Carry on Search & work
in a diligent manner -

2d. Can Reform Condition requiring
him to Carry on Operations
diligently. with due Skill be Entered

3d. Provision a Condition shall be
Entered requiring him to keep Correct
accounts - open always to inspection
of Dep Com or his Subs.

4th Licence for each Contr
Removed -

5th Full power to Govt to
Cancel the Contract for
breach pars of the Contr -
at the discretion of Dep Com -
Such Cancellation may be
subject to Appeal to Govt, but otherwise

hrs to be finalised

In this & other such cases it is best for Govt to ~~prescribe the~~ frame & send the draft of the Agreement which may be in the form of a licence prescribing all conditions —

The Govt Dept shd be personally Consulted and asked for its suggestions if any as regards the proposed Licence

~~JCS~~ 12/7/29

65. Please work the Dewani amendments into this draft & submit as early as possible with a draft of licence. I shall send them to Sir Lancelot for suggestions & also to the Rajah

Re-Draft Draft not agreed form Secretary of State 28-12-29

6b. A Draft order and an agree-
-ment were prepared in
accordance with the direction
of the Minister, and forwarded
to the Secretary, Geological
Deptt. for opinion - That
officer stated that as the
proposed concession extended
over a large area for a
short period, it would
be better to grant it under
the title of a licence than
of a lease; and suggested
that the term of the licence
might be limited to 3 years
as there was no consider-
-able capital outlay or
liability involved in the
venture, and that at the
end of that term, the Govt
would have some figures
about production, costs &c
to guide them in determining
the Royalty & other terms, and
that, instead, if 3 leases proposed to
be granted by the 3 Govt
Companies one licence in the

× P. no. 46 :

⊗ P. no. 49

form proposed by him might be granted by the Govt & a copy thereof sent to the Dy Comm^rs of each District in the Presy of Govt no 2531-4 (50) R 7175-92 of 25th Sept 1891, agreeing to the suggestion of the Secretary, Geological Dept, & conveying the instructions of the Dewan & the Rev: Councillor, & Division, the Dy Comm^rs of Bangalore, Kolar & Tumkur with whom copies of the draft licence were forwarded, were requested to ascertain from Mr. Forrester whether he was willing to abide by the conditions therein prescribed, & report the result with information as to the minimum amount of revenue to be entered in the Schedule appended to the licence — In October 1892, the Dy Comm^r, Tumkur, of whom Mr. Forrester had applied the Secy, Geological Dept, to let him know the address of Mr. Forrester for the purpose of communicating with him on the subject

x P. no 55—

⊗ P. no. 53 —

⊗ — Do —

vide Mr Subba Rao's letter Geological dept. Enquiries were not received in Head office —

the letter forwarded the Dy Commrs letter to this office under Memo: No. 101 & 2.10.99, which was re-transferred to the Secretary Geological Deptt, with the intimation that the Dy Commrs of Bangalore, Kolar, and Tumkur had been informed that he (Secy Geol. Dept) had undertaken to communicate to Mr Forester the terms of the proposed licence & to ascertain his wishes for the information & orders of Govt —

67. In his letter no. 1037 of 26th Dec: 1899 to the Secretary, Geological dept'd, the Dy Commr, Bangalore District, enquired whether the right to search for & collect Corundum in the Nelamangala Taluk might be sold by public auction as usual; & the letter having been forwarded to this office by the Secretary, Geol: dept'd, with his opinion that the right to collect Corundum in these

vide paper no. 63 & its enclosure —

Taluks of the Bangalore & Kolar Districts not included in Mr. Forrester's license need not be sold for at least one year until it was seen how the license worked, orders were accordingly issued by Commrs. of the 2 Districts in Pro: No. 6591-3 R7-175-92 dt 17-3-1900. (64)

68. Mr. Forrester having accepted the terms proposed by the Govt., a license was issued to him from the Geological Dept. with effect from 1st January 1900 — The minimum amount of annual royalty guaranteed by the licensee is as follows: —

(for a term of 3 years.

(vide papers received from the Geol. Dept. with Mr. R. Sathia Rao's D.O. dt 4-4-1900)

		Amount
1.	Doddaballapur Taluk —	Rs. 394 —
2.	Goribedanur "	394 —
3.	Pavagada "	96 — "
4.	Madagiri "	200 — "
5.	Sira "	56 — "
6.	Tumkur "	20 — "
7.	Chitlinayakanhalle "	" — "
8.	Gubbi "	5 —
9.	Tiptur "	9 — "
10.	Kunigal "	28 — "
		1202 — "

Vide papers received with Collector's No. 3095/643 Dt. 16/3/00.

69. In connection with the Corundum industry started by him, Mr. Forrester has applied for the following lands of the Kasaragode village, Hosdrug Taluk, for the purpose of opening a central depôt or warehouse

Survey No.	Description	Extent A	G	Assessment Rs. A.	Remarks
72.	Grt. assessed uncultivated	3	3	3 — 8 —	There are 170 date plants at present unfit for tapping —
73.	Unassessed Kharab	2	24	" — " —	Tope — On no. 73 there is a dilapidated Mussafirkhana —
74	Do —	2	14	" — " —	On no. 74 a Police Station is built a small temple — On the two nos. there are about 95 date plants not fit for tapping —

The Sub Division officer, who appears to have inspected the place, reports that the Mussafirkhana on No. 73 is a thatched one which is valued by Panchayetdars at Rs. 16/-, that it has been influenced by Mr. Forrester and will be utilized as a Store room; that the Police Station built on S. no. 74 having been removed to the new building,

the

materials of the old building were sold by public auction for Rs. 31—4—7, that Mr. Forrester bought the same from the purchaser for Rs. 40/, that the small temple situated in the extreme Corner of S. no. 74 is separated by a Nallah from the land Mr. given to Mr. Forrester & he will have nothing to do with it & its precincts, & that S. no. 75 (waste land) being contiguous to the narrow strip of land where the temple is situated, the villagers will assemble there on festive occasions & this arrangement will solve the temple difficulty. The Sub Division officer further States that the tope on the two S. nos being situated between the old Musafirkhana & the old Police Station, the villagers object to the grant of the land to Mr. Forrester, that the latter States that the other portion of the land & the buildings will be utterly useless if cattle are allowed to remain as it is a place of shelter for their cattle,

in the midway between his buildings, & that therefore the village cattle may for the present take shelter under the existing trees & S.no 75 may be given to the villagers for planting new trees, plus the value of the trees in the lot to be recovered from Mr. Forrester — In conclusion he proposes that S.nos. 72, 73 & 74 (exclusive of the narrow strip of land containing the temple & separated by a hallah) be sold to Mr. Forrester for 30 years assessment, reserving the said trees, that Rs. 41/8/- for the buildings and Rs. 141/- for the trees be recovered from Mr. Forrester, and that the villagers be allowed to plant up S.no 75 and said Rs. 141/- — The Dy. Commr. who is not in favor of the Sale: On officers proposal recommends that the lands in question may be placed at the disposal of Mr. Forrester temporarily during the period of his lease without

on the ground that it is not likely to obviate the inconvenience to the village cattle or benefit the Govt.

changing anything therefor except the assessment on S. no. 92, & that he be required to preserve the trees forming the hope as well as the oak trees

Inform Asst Secretary for orders

VI
11/4/00

Secretary's Office

Mr Forester's case seems to be of long standing for 3 years it does not seem right that the Villagers' rights should be wholly ignored. The proposal seems better than that of the kind Dr. Off.

15/4/00
730

13/4/00

I quite agree. Let Forester know the decision & told that there should be no encroachment on existing rights nor should the villagers be prohibited from [illegible] exercised in the [illegible] enjoyment of their customary privileges

VI/5/1900 HD Inamdar Asst

between the Head of
an office Note in
the important
matter of this
kind of it just
down at the bottom
of the file of
reference no and
if Charlotte I
find it out? also
if it is not
known what
date? Do the
Letter myself
Please & then
submit the
present reference
with all the
papers

30-7-00

Dr

Office of

Subject

Application of [redacted]

Alexis Peire, Hay and Lum

for the grant of a Beer

for a term of years in the

eighth Collecting District

subject to the Requirements of

the Laws relating to

Spirituous Liquors

Court Sequence

Letter dated the

23rd August 1872 from the

Deputy Commissioner

S. No. 61

the Deputy Commissioner

transmitting the accompanying

Letter, the Application of

Alexis Peire Hay & Son

for the grant of a Beer

a term of Years in the eighth

of

P. No. (50)

of Colliding Conditions
subject to the payment of
a Royalty calculated on
a percentage of profits.

A copy of Govt. Order No.
2531-4 dated the 25th
R. 7175-92
September 1892 and that of
the draft license thereto
referred to, in the interest
of the general Public,
of a license to work for
coal called Anandam,
for 5 years subject to the
payment of the Royalty of
Re. 1-4-0 for every thousand
of 840 cts, and the mini-
-mum amount payable
for each year specified below
mentioned in the license,
(being the average income
by the Patent realised from
the mines during the last-

distribution of the water
of Jersey in four districts,
as the district where the
figures given in the returns
furnish satisfactory data,
as to the rate of collection
in the year 1896-97 which
is the latest year, and
which also gives no material
for the year 1897-98 since 1895-96
in the Canadian report
Falls Brook River for the
Aroostook and Fraser
Falls are very conspicuous
Gault
The figures given under remarks
are average of the amount
by the farm as it takes the
maximum supply should be
used, that figure average
taken during the
3 years previous to the census
year in which the

the amount of such royalty for each of the 5 years of the licensed term, the minimum for all the 5 years may be received given at the end of the term; and that, in case the conditions of the year next preceding any of the last two years of the term be not maintained, the average amount for fixing the minimum royalty, ~~for the last two years~~ the minimum royalty for the first years, in case no sale had before the grant, the license and that for each of the preceding two years of the Commencement thereof.

Submitted for order.

Allowed

$ 28.50

28/8/00

Sealed & Mailed

This is an order

Office note continued

Enclosure to letter dated

Reference to previous correspondence

to the Naval Canteen Board S.O.

(S.No. 74)

No. 160-A/175-72 dated

the 7th July 1900, he

~~a copy of letter dated the~~

Superintendent Naval Canteen

Board and the Military

to work the Contract on

the terms laid down

in the conditions specified in

the order dated the 24th

for the addition of the

Supply of Champagne

for the Officers and the

Island of Crete Canteens

but upon that basis as

laid in the Champagne and

Champagne Islands.

~~The Deputy Controller and~~

No. 95 dt 24.7.00

Annuity Rate Table, giving
Rate to apply for the reduction
under the agreement that
the amount of annuity
yearly specified (on the
margin) for the 2nd Class in
Section, as the latter part
of the rate agreed to, are the
annuities to be granted
for each year, whereas
they are the total of
annuities in the Table
for the first 5 years.
The minimum annuity to be
granted for each year
each Insurer until ~~they~~ a year duration of the agreement
be ~~exhausted~~ as shown below—

	Rs. As. Ps.
1. Chamarajpet / Nanjangud	26-14-8
2. Hegganadevanakote	141-4-
3. Hunsur	44-9-4

The difference between the
amount of annuity to be
granted for each year for

Nanjangud	Rs. 14
	Rs. 12
2. Hegganadevanakote	423-12
3. Hunsur	133-12

Note continued.

The foregoing answer was communicated to the deputy Commissioner and in reply thereto he now reports, that Messrs Petrie Hay and Son have agreed to take up the Contract for the collection of Corundum in all the four Taluks viz, Hunsur, Heggadadevan-Kote, Nanjungud and Chamarajnagar, guaranteeing the payment of a minimum royalty for each Taluk for each year as specified in the margin. He further states that the minimum in each case is equal to the average shown in the Secretary's docket of the 2nd August 1902. He also submits a copy of a letter received by him from Messrs Petrie Hay & Son on the subject, requesting that they may be granted a license to collect Corundum in the aforesaid Taluks and be allowed to pay the years

Docket No 1135 & 2/8/02
RF 172-92
(SC No 75)

Name of Taluk	Amount of minimum royalty guaranteed for each year
	Rs - as - p
Hunsur =	44 - 9 - 4
Heggadevankote =	141 - 4 - 0
Chamarajnagar & Nanjungud =	26 - 14 - 8